

FORESTERS BANQUET ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

At an elaborate banquet served in the Waikiki dining room of the Alexander Young Hotel last night the members of Court Camoes, N. 310, A. O. F., celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the date of the founding of the order in Honolulu. The tables were beautifully decorated for the occasion, carnations and greens being used with good effect, the crimson color scheme being carried out in all the table decorations. Seated about the tables were about a hundred members of the Court and a few guests, all enjoying themselves thoroughly.

Chief Ranger Dr. John F. Cowes presided over the banquet and acted as toastmaster, introducing the various speakers in short and appropriate remarks. The first called upon was A. V. Peters, P. C. R., who had been one of the organizers of the lodge and who had been installed into office on the first night of its existence, April 25, 1893. His subject was "Court Camoes" and in an interesting way he sketched the growth of the court from the small beginning until the present time, when it has two hundred and one members in good standing and \$8900 in its treasury.

"Fraternalism" and the duty of man to man was made the subject of the address of L. R. Medeiros, while the advantages of ancient forestry were dealt with by Daniel Logan, Mr. Logan was on the toast list as a substitute for Dr. Murray, and confessed that his practical knowledge of forestry consisted of having been born in the woods. He made a witty and acceptable speech, however.

"Kindred Societies" and the "Ladies of Camoes Circle" were toasted respectively by H. H. Williams and Dr. Bruce McV. Mackall, while general remarks were made by Wallace R. Farrington and R. O. Matheson. Hon. A. D. Castro made an encouraging address to the members and M. C. Pacheco, who had been the chairman of the committee to whose work the banquet was due, also spoke.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Get a Fleet belt at Sachs.
Big cut in embroideries this week at A. Blom's.

An amber back comb has been lost. See classified ads.

McLeod, telephone 1111, has an auto for hire that is luxurious.

Dentyn will harden the gums, keep them healthy and whiten the teeth.

Try a box of Lehnhardt's fresh chocolates from Henry May & Co., phone 22.

Ring 1111 if you want a public auto that rides well and is driven by the careful McLeod.

For auto hacks at regular hack fare, ring up 361, and ask for one of Frank Lillis' three fine Franklin machines.

Sachs will show this week a beautiful assortment of spring and summer goods, in importations from the Orient and the East.

Things about lights and stove for the fleet days. There is nothing so good as gas for quick cooking or lighting. Honolulu Gas Co.

Children's black ribbed hose, all sizes, 20c. pair at Sachs.

Patronize home industries! H. Culman manufactures souvenirs of unequalled quality and stamps them with a characteristic stamp.

An important sale of shirtwaists will begin at A. Blom's Friday morning, May 1st. Reductions will be from 25 to 50 per cent. Two windows filled with bargains. Get ready for Friday.

The improved Merry Widow sailor at Sachs.

The fast sailing bark Nuuanu will leave New York for Honolulu on or about July 20th. Freight rates and all particulars will be furnished by the local agents, Messrs. Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd.

We have never dressed ladies' feet so handsomely as this season. We have just received our 1908 styles, and some of them are distinctive creations, says W. H. Smith of the Manufacturers' Shoe Co.

All silk baby ribbon, all colors, 15c. pc. at Sachs.

W. M. Graham, 942 Green street, offers for sale some very desirable lots in a fine residence section of the city near the car lines. Also three fine lots on Pearl City Peninsula. See classified advertisements.

A. F. C. Gingham at 10c. per yard this week at Blom's.

H. E. Wichman & Co., Ltd., show in their windows some beautiful designs in table silver. The styles are the New Standish, the Vintage and Madame Royale. They are neat and exquisite and should meet with a ready sale.

There is often a cut or a burn sustained in the house that requires the attention of a physician but which could be attended to without if the necessary articles were at hand. These are to be found in a package of Red Cross first aid to the injured. Sold by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd.

White lawn in 10, 12 and 24 yard pieces at special prices this week at A. Blom's.

Mrs. Dunn is ready with an elaborate stock of millinery for the spring season, 1908. The hats are the latest fashions of New York and Paris and purchases made here will be satisfactory for the wearers whether they visit the mainland or Europe. There is nothing in advance of a Dunn hat.

Toweling, 15 yds. for \$1.00, at Sachs.

THE MILITIA ENGINEERS.

The equipment which Col. Marston Campbell expects to get from the United States government for his company of engineers will be finer than the equipment of the Department of Public Works. The new company will have a large enrollment from the Hawaiian Engineering Association and will be a thoroughly practical organization.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES IN METHODIST CHURCH

The anniversary services of the Honolulu Odd Fellows, celebrating the eighty-ninth anniversary of the establishment of the order in Honolulu will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church this evening, Rev. J. W. Wadman delivering the sermon. The following is the program for the services:

Piano Voluntary.....Miss Rice
Purpose of Gathering.....E. C. Rowe, D. D. G. S.
Invocation.....R. P. Quarles, P. G.
Hymn No. 315, Congregation and Choir
Responsive Reading.....Psalms 122, 133
C. T. Rodgers, P. D. D. G. S.
Instrumental—"Incline Thine Ear to Me".....Himmel
Victor Auxetophone.
Solo....."With Overflowing Hearts" Arthur F. Wall.
Sermon.....Bro. John W. Wadman, P. G.
Solo....."Just for Today" Miss Gertrude Hall.
Hymn No. 556, Congregation and Choir
Benediction.....Rev. D. W. Crane

LOCAL BREVITIES.

D. Forbes of Kohala is in the city.
C. Bolte returned from San Francisco by the Nevada.

Queen Liliuokalani returned by the Mauna Kea yesterday.

Indian Head special for 10c. at Whitney & Marsh's tomorrow.

B. F. Dillingham and S. M. Damon arrived home from Hilo yesterday.

Don't forget Lei Aloha Chapter 3, O. E. S., paper ball May 12th. Tickets 50c.

Queen Liliuokalani was a passenger arriving on the Mauna Kea yesterday.

R. I. Lillie, resident manager for the Sperry Flour Co., came over from Hilo yesterday.

S. M. Damon and B. F. Dillingham returned by the Mauna Kea yesterday from a visit to Oahu.

It is said that Hawaiian Republicans are proposing Charles Nottley for the party's candidate for mayor.

The Democrats of the seventh of the Fourth have organized with J. S. Martin as president of the precinct club.

The Committee on Decorations for the Fleet will meet at noon, Monday, at the office of the Acting Governor.

Tom Burningham came home from a trip to the other islands yesterday. He reports everything looking up in Hilo.

The Democratic Precinct Club of the Third Precinct of the Fourth District will meet Monday evening at 1515 Young street.

Jurors in Judge Robinson's court are excused until further notified as there are no jury trials requiring their presence at this time.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the death of Queen Emma. Flowers were placed at her tomb. A memorial service was held at St. Andrew's.

Col. A. G. Hawes, one of the members of the San Francisco Fleet Committee, and well known here, is expected in Honolulu about the middle of May.

All chairmen of sub-committees for the entertainment of the Fleet are called to meet at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the office of the Acting Governor.

Mrs. Grace L. Crockett presides at the organ at the prison service today. Miss Petrie will read and both John Martin and Mr. Mackenzie will address the men.

Mrs. Mary Atcherley yesterday presented a petition for the pardon of Wallace to Acting Governor Mott-Smith. It is signed by a large number of Hawaiians.

Miss Alice E. Beard arrived from Hilo yesterday. The Hilo paper arriving here on Thursday contained the information that she would leave there for the coast on the Enterprise.

The work of erecting one of the poles of the new wireless station at Kahuku will begin on Monday. The second pole will be erected as soon as it arrives. These poles will be 235 feet high, and will be about 300 feet apart.

The Promotion Committee has moved into one of the Bishop street stores of the Alexander Young building and the old quarters are to be divided between Effinger's curio business and a kitchen for the downstairs cafe.

At a calico dance last evening at San Antonio hall given by Kalamo Lodge No. 1, Order of Kanikaouli, those having the best costumes were: Mrs. Capt. Self, artistic; Mrs. L. T. Puuku, comic; Mrs. Nallima Lishman, best dressed; and Mrs. S. K. Oili, most original.

It is said that a large number of Hawaiians in Koolau have employed an attorney to see that they get a chance at the pineapple lands near Kaneohe, which there is some talk of opening up if the Kaneohe Ranch Company surrenders its lease of them.

The Entertainment Committee of the Fleet Committee organized yesterday with F. L. Waldron chairman, and E. A. Berndt, secretary. Justice Bailou, who is going away for his vacation, resigned, and Captain Rees was recommended in his place. It was suggested that the chairman of all committees meet to formulate a cohesive program.

Theodore Richards suggested that the Festival of Song could be repeated during the visit of the Fleet. The committee will meet daily between 8 and 9 in the morning.

DEATH OF AN OLD-TIMER.

I. A. Burgett, who died yesterday, was at one time one of the best known mechanics in Honolulu and a prominent man in local military and lodge circles. He came to Honolulu many years ago, having been employed on the construction of the Capitol and other public buildings in the city. In the Knights of Pythias lodge he held at different times all the various offices, while during the Provisional Government period he served the Republic as lieutenant in the National Guard. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of H. H. Williams, Fort street.

THE BYSTANDER

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Will be Happy—By Order of the Board of Supervisors. Ed. Towse may be expected to do something for the fleet in the Sunday-school line, if there is any printing in it, and the Boys' Field will be open to the sailors every day between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. Any evening the old tars will be permitted to hear the Salvation Army band.

A good politician is a man who, for the sake of his party, tries to placate differences in the organization, if any exist, exerts himself to get recruits, and is careful not to bring men to the front, either as campaign managers or candidates, who have incurred the ill-will of any large part of the constituency whose votes are needed.

The present machine of the Republican party is manned by men—with the usual few exceptions—who cannot hold the party together if they try, and who are not trying very hard. They have incurred several defeats, and are in the way of incurring more; and for the good of all concerned they should get out of the management and apply their prejudice and mediocrity to some other line of business.

Not that they are asked to retire in favor of the other side. They have men on their own side whom the independent voter will work with and respect. But there is not the slightest sign of their sacrificing themselves for harmony. Indeed, now that the head disturber is going to leave the shades of Cunha alley for awhile, it is proposed to leave the party in the hands of a man who has succeeded to the political prestige of his old partner, A. V. Gear, and who, if the voters could get at him, would be reduced to about a teaspoonful of calves' foot jelly.

No wonder the Democrats are encouraged when they see Republican leadership swinging between the cage of a Wooden Parrot and the back door of a Vealery.

In the welcoming of the officers and sailors of the fleet in San Francisco and the entertaining of them during their stay in the metropolis, the wife of the Mayor of San Francisco will occupy a prominent place as the leader of the official circle in the society of the city. There San Francisco has the advantage over Honolulu, because the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is a bachelor. However, as the arrival of the fleet is some weeks off yet, there is plenty of time to have that remedied.

COMMERCIAL NEWS

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OAHU'S RECORD WEEK.

W. Pfotenbauer made a visit to Oahu plantation this week and comes back enthusiastic. The mill for the week has turned out a little over 1500 tons, he says, an average of something over 250 tons a day for the six days, and on one day going as high as 270 tons. This is a record, and considered a wonderful one. The juice of the cane now being harvested is of a very high quality, so high that only six and a half tons of cane are required to produce a ton of sugar.

CUBAN CONDITIONS.

An element in the situation is the Cuban outlook. On this subject a good deal of information has accumulated during the week. Smith & Schipper, who are regarded as very high authority, in their sugar letter dated April 10, received by the Nevada yesterday, say: "The most important news from the Island was received today, when the cable showed that only 97 Centrals are at work, against 110 last Tuesday. Buyers in Cuba are anticipating the market right along, and paying somewhat higher prices than can be realized here. . . . Planters are very bullish in their ideas, and will not sell excepting at top prices, and even then are reluctant to part with their holdings, believing in very much higher prices later on."

All of the periodicals devoted to the sugar industry coming by yesterday's mail, contain articles giving pessimistic views of the Cuban outlook. The International Sugar Journal publishes a letter from a Cuban sugar planter, who says the crop this year will be 40 or 50 per cent. short of last year, and he says there are some who put the shortage at 60 per cent. The Louisiana Planter publishes considerable on the same subject, quoting statements almost as pessimistic. The American Sugar Industry, and Beet Sugar Gazette has correspondence of the same tenor. None of these journals accept the extreme pessimistic view. Seemingly all agree that the crop this year will be about 900,000 tons. Still, though the last estimate of 1,000,000 tons seems everywhere relinquished, the drop to 900,000 tons is not formally made.

What seems to be of more importance is the statement made from many sources, that it is not alone the drought from which the Cuban planters are suffering, but that labor conditions are bad. The provisional government is spending large sums of money on the roads throughout the Island, and this, with the higher wages and easier work, has drawn labor from the plantations until the latter are paying higher and higher wages, and not nearly always getting sufficient labor then.

The drought, too, in addition to shortening this year's crop is shortening plantings, and holding back the growth for next year's crop, so that there is no just ground for expectation of an increase to the figures of the Cuban crop for 1907, 1,428,000 tons.

THE WORLD'S CROP.

According to the London correspondence of the Louisiana planter, the probable beet sugar production of Europe will be about 170,000 tons less than 1907. The same authority says that Java may show a deficiency of 100,000 tons, while Porto Rico, Mauritius, British India and other cane countries will show a deficiency over 1907 of 300,000 tons.

As to Europe, the tenor of the latest advices point to a slight increase over the whole of Europe, and as one correspondent writes, "there is nothing in this to prevent the crop falling somewhat short, the yield over all, last season, being fairly good, and in Austria unprecedentedly high."

The beet sugar crop in the United States seems likely to be larger than usual in view of the stimulating effect of high prices. The Philippines, too, seem likely to increase their production somewhat.

THE DIVIDEND PUZZLE.

Just what Ewa and Oahu will do with their increasing profits is one of the perennial topics of discussion among those interested in the market. The general expectation is that Ewa will distribute hers in special dividends, but when? is the question frequently asked.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE WEEK.

The transactions of the Stock Exchange for the week have been:

Monday—5 Waialua, 82.50; \$5000 Col. Ref. 6s, 100; 155 Oahu Sugar Co., 27.75; 110 Ewa, 27.50; 75 Hawaiian Pineapple Co., 22.50.

Tuesday—90 Waialua, 82.50; 308 Ewa, 27.50; 50 Haw. C. & S. Co., 84; \$4000 Cal. Ref. 6s, 100; 110 Oahu Sugar Co., 27.75.

Wednesday—20 O. R. & L. Co., 95; 5 Waialua, 82.50; \$1000 Waialua 6s, 93.50; 75 Oahu Sugar Co., 27.75; 85 Ewa, 27.50; \$3000 Cal. Ref. 6s, 100; 40 Haw. Pineapple Co., 22.75; 5 Waialua, 82.50.

Thursday—11 Oahu Sugar Co., 28; 100 Oahu Sugar Co., 28; 7 I. I. S. N. Co., 116.50.

Friday—100 Oahu Sugar Co., 28; 20 Waialua, 82.50; 194 Oahu Sugar Co., 28; \$8000 Cal. Ref. 6s, 100; 160 Waialua, 82.50; 10 Paauhau, 17.50.

Saturday—300 Oiaa, 4; 230 Oiaa, 4; 10 Haw. C. & S. Co., 85; 5 Ewa, 27.75; 5 Oahu Sugar Co., 28; 135 Haw. C. & S. Co., 85.50.

RANCH CONSOLIDATION.

While formal announcement has not been made by the parties in interest, the consolidation of the Cornwell and the Raymond ranches on Maui is agreed on thing. In fact, the two ranches have been run under one management as a practical matter since the first of the year, and it is said, to the great reduction of expenses. A corporation is to be formed to take title to the two properties and operate them as one.

ANOTHER TOBACCO ENTERPRISE.

The Bishop Estate has just completed an agreement with Charles R. Blacow in regard to land for a tobacco plantation in North Kona, on the lands of Keahou. The agreement is on exactly the same terms as those with Jared Smith and his associates for land in South Kona. Blacow, who is acting for associates as well as himself, secures 200 acres of land with the privilege of 100 acres more.

KANEOHE PINEAPPLE LANDS.

The Land Office has received many inquiries in regard to the Halekolu lands near Kaneohe, which have been brought to public attention lately as pineapple lands. The lands are under lease to the Kaneohe Ranch Company, the lease expiring in 1913. D. L. Van Dine, on behalf of himself and others, has made

SPERRY FLOUR CO.

Offer to the Trade Their Mill Products, including the following Celebrated Brands:

"GOLDEN GATE," "SPERRY," "DRIFTED SNOW," "MAPLE LEAF," "SOUND RING," "RED SHIELD,"

and other Family and Baker Flour. Also BRAN, SHORTS, MIDDINGS, ROLLED BARLEY, and the Famous CAPITAL MILLS CEREALS.

The Sperry Products have been for over fifty years the standard of quality for the Pacific Coast.

Ask your Grocer for them.

Robert Innes Lillie,
RESIDENT MANAGER.

Honolulu Office: Robinson Bldg., Queen St. Hilo Office: Spreckels Bldg., King St.

application for them on the Settlement Association plan, expressing a willingness to agree to stricter conditions than the law requires. J. B. Castle, who, as owner of the Kaneohe Ranch Company, controls the lease, had a conference with Acting Governor Mott-Smith on Friday in regard to the matter. He expressed himself as believing that these lands offered opportunity for carrying out further the governmental policy of getting the public lands into the occupancy and tillage of small holders. He was, therefore, willing to surrender the remaining term of the lease if the government would get the land into the possession and occupancy of those who would cultivate and improve it. He did not make it a condition that Van Dine and his associates, or any other particular individuals, should get the land if he surrendered his lease. He simply wanted assurance that the land would go into cultivation and use, but because of the experience and knowledge of Van Dine and his associates in agriculture he felt that they and men of their class should be encouraged, and given preference if possible.

KEKAHA'S POWER PLANT.

Kekaha plantation on Kauai proposes to utilize the water power that can be secured by the fall of water from the ditch leading from the Waimea river to the ditch which irrigates their Mana lands. Between fifteen and twenty-five million gallons of water a day are available in a fall of 275 feet. Electricity to the amount of 600 kilowatts will be generated and used in pumping plants on another part of the plantation. A. Gartley is to see to the shipping of the plant while he is in the East.

NUUANU DAM.

The pipe connecting the new Nuuanu reservoir direct with the water main system of the city is now completed, and tomorrow the Acting Governor will formally turn the valve that will open the way for the first water direct from the reservoir into the mains. Good progress is being made on the work of the Nuuanu dam.

THE FLEET COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Entertainment of Pacific Fleet is now fully completed, and the sub-committees named and their duties defined and limited.

THE SISTERS' SCHOOL.

The munificence of August Dreier has made possible the long contemplated construction of buildings at Kaimuki for the boarding school long conducted by the Catholic Sisters. H. L. Kerr is drawing the plans. The building will be of reinforced concrete.

ADMIRAL VERY RETIRES.

On Thursday Admiral Very was succeeded as commandant of the Naval Station by Captain Rees. Admiral Very sailed by the Korea for Newton, Mass., where he will make his home.

NEW TANNERY.

A new tannery enterprise, to be conducted by Heine & Co., has been announced as among the new enterprises soon to be undertaken.

TO MAKE CEMENT.

Frank L. Winter, who projected the manufacture of lime on this Island, is now seeking to promote an enterprise for the manufacture of cement.

LAUPAHOE SUGAR LANDS.

Lands at Laupahoehoe of which the lease expired last March will probably be shortly put up for rental at an upset price of \$2.70 per acre per annum on the application of T. H. Davies & Co. An application for a license for a right-of-way for a flume for a period of twenty years has also been made by the same interest.

INTER-ISLAND COAL SYSTEM.

The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company is shortly to erect a system for coaling their steamers by mechanical appliance. This will effect a great saving of time and expense. The appliance will cost several hundred thousand dollars.

KONA ENTERPRISES.

J. B. Castle has bought out the W. W. Bruner interests in the Captain Cook Coffee Company and the Hala Canning Company, long-pending negotiations to this end thus being concluded, and Castle now absolutely controls the big enterprises mentioned. The Captain Cook Coffee Company handles more of the berry than any other company in the Islands, and the mill at Kealahou treats the product of other plantations as well as that of the Captain Cook Coffee Company. The Hala Canning Company property will be developed under the best methods, and Kona will see one of the largest pineapple producing sections in the Territory. Thirteen thousand cans of the fruit will be put out this summer.

THE KAPAA LANDS.

George S. Fairchild, manager of the Makee Sugar Company, has asked for time to communicate with Colonel Spalding before replying to the government's proposal of land exchange on the Island of Kauai.

HAWAIIAN COMMERCIAL PROFITS.

The net profits of Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company for the year 1907 was \$1,025,662.98, according to copies of the annual report received by the Mongolia. Of this, \$1,004,586.46 was net profits on sugar and \$21,076.47 net sundry profits. Of these profits \$780,000 was paid out in dividends and \$245,662.98 was carried as a surplus. The assets and liabilities of the company are each \$9,419,407.52.

COUNTIES CANNOT ISSUE BONDS.

The Supreme Court of the Territory issued an injunction restraining the Treasurer and the Board of Supervisors of Maui County from making the proposed issue of bonds for public improvements. The injunction followed the decision of the court some days ago denying the power of counties in this Territory under the present County Act to issue bonds.

OHIA RAILROAD TIES.

The Hawaiian Mahogany Company has delivered 40,000 ties at Hilo for shipment to the Coast, some of which have already gone forward. By July 1 a half million ties will have been delivered at Hilo. The machinery for the mill to turn out 2500 ties a day has arrived at San Francisco, and will be shipped from there by the Enterprise. The present mill has a capacity for only 250 ties a day.

TRUSTEE FOR BONDHOLDERS.

R. W. Atkinson has been appointed trustee for the bondholders under the trust deed given by the Oahu Railway and Land Company in place of T. W. Hobron, resigned.

OCEAN ARRIVALS.

The ocean arrivals for the week have been the Mongolia, the Mexican and the Nevada from the Coast, and the Korea from the Orient. The departures have been the Hilonian, the Alameda, and the Korea for the Coast, and the Mongolia for the Orient.